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### FATAL VEHICLE COLLISION EAST 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND NORTH COUNTRY CLUB ROAD

**\*\*\*UPDATE – AUGUST 19, 2015\*\*\***

The driver involved in the fatal collision from July 27, 2015 has been identified as 26-year-old Jesus Olea. Mr. Olea has been receiving medical treatment since the collision. On August 18, 2015 Mr. Olea was booked into Pima County Jail on 4 counts of manslaughter. His booking photo is attached below.



**Jesus Olea**

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Sergeant Pete Dugan – August 19, 2015

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The Tucson Police Department is investigating a fatal vehicle collision that took place early this morning.

On July 27, 2015, at approximately 1:50 a.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to East 6<sup>th</sup> Street and North Country Club Road for a report of a single vehicle collision. Upon arrival, officers located 4 occupants in the vehicle. The driver and one of the passengers were immediately transported to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. Shortly after arrival at the hospital the passenger and her unborn child passed away due to injuries sustained from the collision. The driver is still in the hospital with critical injuries. The two additional passengers in the vehicle were pronounced deceased at the scene.

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Detectives from the Tucson Police Department's Traffic Unit responded to continue the investigation. They were able to determine that the vehicle, a 2001 Lincoln Town Car, was traveling eastbound on East 6<sup>th</sup> Street, approaching North Country Club. The driver lost control of the vehicle at a bend in the road and struck a palm tree in the median area.

The initial investigation revealed that alcohol appears to be a factor in the collision. Detectives are still trying to determine if speed was also a factor.

The four passengers that died in the collision have been identified as **25-year-old Alexandria Lara (and her unborn child)**, **26-year-old Martin Verdugo** and **28-year-old Sheyla Velarde**. Next of kin have been notified.

### Fatalities Year-To-Date:

For 2014 - 16

Pedestrian - 7

Bicycle - 0

Motorcycle - 2

For 2015 - 37

Pedestrian - 8

Bicycle - 2

Motorcycle - 5

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